

# Loose Nukes Looming Near

## A Second 9/11?

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This week we learned that on August 30 the United States Air Force flew a B-52, locked and loaded with nuclear warheads, from North Dakota to Louisiana. This broke a military policy going back to the 1960s against such flights.

"I just can't imagine how all of this happened," said Philip Coyle, a senior adviser on nuclear weapons at the Center for Defense Information. "The procedures are so rigid; this is the last thing that's supposed to happen."

But it did happen, and we would not know about it at all had it not been for three Air Force officers, speaking under condition of anonymity, who informed The Military Times about the event. And of course, everyone is trying to "get to the bottom of it."

So says the White House, which has lied about everything from 9/11 to Iraq to lead us into a global war for which the Neocons were planning well before the presidency of George W. Bush.

So says the Air Force, which just violated 40 years of policy without explanation, and states that it had no idea that the nukes were in the air over the United States for the duration of their flight.

So says Congress. "These reports are deeply disturbing," said Congressman Ike Skelton (D-Mo.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. "The American people, our friends, and our potential adversaries must be confident that the highest standards are in place when it comes to our nuclear arsenal." Everyone would be much more confident, I believe, if the Congress now promising to investigate the loose nukes were anything but the quislings that they have shown themselves to be, both before and after the Democratic election successes of 2006. They have made it apparent that there is really only one party in power: the War Party.

The prostitute media, to its credit, has not bothered to say that it will look into, let alone report about, the loose nukes. In other columns I have explained that they are no longer even lapdogs, they are shameless lap dancers. They sit and squirm at the seat of power, proud to say that they have been embedded, ever willing to keep pulling tricks for treats.

So whom are we to trust from among the discredited list of our political, military and media leaders? If your answer to this question is "none of the above," then welcome to the Internet community of conspiracy theorists (like me) who aren't willing to accept official

reassurances that all is well as airborne Armageddon takes flight over America for the length of the Mississippi River.

To take a single M-16 rifle from the arms room of a stateside military unit requires the permission of several military officials, along with numerous keys, combinations and codes. It is inconceivable to me, and to every other military veteran with whom I have spoken this week, that the loose nukes were a mere accident of oversight, or that the order to fly them came from any source other than the White House.

The official account of a slip up, parroted by the official media, is a transparent lie. The task for thoughtful and patriotic American citizens is to fathom the “why” behind the lie, and it comes down to a simple question: was the White House threatening to use the nukes or preparing to use the nukes?

Like all bullies, our King George likes to frighten others. The loose nukes may have been intended to bait the Russian bear, whose President Putin has been growling for a year that Neocon America reminds him of Nazi Germany. In response to our predatory Pax Americana, Russian bombers are now overflying foreign territory for the first time since the end of the Cold War; Russian nuclear facilities are ramping up for a new generation of production as their nation prepares to withdraw all from the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty of 1988; and Russian ground forces are now training alongside their Chinese counterparts in preparation for a Central Asian showdown with us.

It’s ill advised, though, to suppose that the nuclear warheads flown across America were only a bluff, and not intended for use. There are two other sets of Bush opponents for whom the weapons could have been meant as either a demonstration — or as an awful action.

Iran and Syria, defiant Middle Eastern nations, have been on the Bush target list since before the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Israel is still in an un-ended war with Syria, and a few days ago sent its jets into Syrian territory, where they were fired upon by Syrian forces. As Colonel Larry Wilkerson, former chief of staff for Secretary of State Colin Powell, recently pointed out, Israel was pushing for a US attack on Iran instead of Iraq as early as 2002. Washington insiders whisper that the Bush administration has promised an attack on Iran to its supporters in the Israel Lobby. AIPAC was instrumental in ensuring that the Democratic Congress did not take measures to repeal Bush’s unilateral war making authority, given him by the War Powers Act of 2002.

There is a still more dreadful prospect though. Our “unitary executive” may be threatening or preparing a strike against us, the unruly and now war weary American People who are the greatest impediment to the Neocon New American Century plan. It used to be that only the 911 Truth community would entertain the idea that the next 911, the “911-2B” attack, could come from our own government. However, a recent spate of Bush administration pronouncements that we are due for such an attack has made it apparent to many other Americans that Bush would welcome a 911-2B event — or might even arrange one

Six of my last seven columns have examined the prospect that a false flag nuclear attack may be in our near future, and this week’s loose nuke story has not done anything to undermine my thesis. It’s fine to wish that our own government were not such a threat to us, but anyone who thinks the loose nukes in our skies are not a threat to us is only engaging in wishful thinking.

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